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PETITION 21

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From Gene and Sheila Conry
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To Whom It May Concern:

I grew up on the Windward side, where I taught school many years at Kailua Intermediate. I need to visit my family regularly. We stay for 4 weeks at a time to visit my mother and my sister who suffers from Alzheimer's. Vacation rentals are the only way we can continue to visit Kailua. My brother lives on Maui, and we stay in vacation rentals there to visit with him as well. I support keeping vacation rentals an option for me and my family in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheila Conry

Susan Kondo
99-347 Ukaia
Area 96701

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I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. This is not a topic unique to Hawaii, but is simply the new trend in travel. The internet made it possible for tourists to view quaint vacation rentals from their home, and choose the town setting of their choice for their vacation. There are vacation rentals throughout all 50 states, and throughout the world. Hotels are no longer desirable to many travelers, especially the younger generations. The demand is to stay in a comfortable quiet place, where visitors can make their own meals, and have a more private vacation.

If we limit our tourism industry to only hotels in Waikiki, and on the outer islands, the tourism industry will most certainly start to decrease, and this trend will continue to deplete us of visitors the more and more that vacation rentals continue to become the preferred way to travel.

Many travel to "get away from it all", and we need to realize that Waikiki is not what people are in demand of. If we do not support what tourists want, we will start losing our industry to other travel destinations where a variety of lodging choices are available.

I oppose any short-term rental owner who does not respect their neighbors. Reasonable rules and Non-conforming use certificates would help curb complaints and help us coexist. If a rental owner does not comply, we should all agree the owner should not have a NUC. This is why permitting is so important.

Sincerely,

Susan Kondo

Janet Bishop
515 Kowalea Pl.
Kailua HI 96734

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Before, when my family visited (my home cannot accommodate many house guests) they were only able to stay in Waikiki, and the commute, sometimes being several times per day became such a chore, with the traffic, expensive parking, and many hours of vacation time being wasted.

I enjoy having my family be able to stay nearby so we can spend as much time as possible with our loved ones. Vacation rentals have been a very positive thing for many families with children living on the mainland. It helps the local business district as well. Please let vacation rentals continue to be an option for our town and it's residents. We enjoy the opportunities that these vital businesses bring to our community and it's members. I do feel that permitting the vacation rentals is important, so that they are well managed, and there is accountability.

Mahalo,

Janet Bishop

03/20/2008 10:08 FAX
Misty Dydasco
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Mahalo for your time in this matter,

Misty Dydasco

Rebecca Perez
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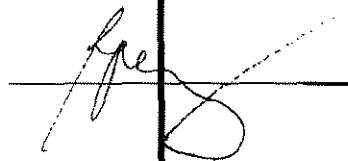
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Mahalo,



Yuko Mochizuki
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Yuko Mochizuki

Margaret Botelho
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Kapolei, HI 96767

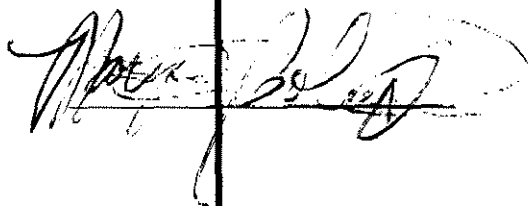
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I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. Vacation rentals in the smaller towns and cities of Hawaii are vital for the small businesses. Many towns have seen job growth, and this has opened up opportunities for residents to work closer to their homes. This helps with traffic congestion by keeping some closer to home for work, and helps with the larger traffic jams of everyone needing to get into Honolulu each day for work.

Many small businesses rely on vacation rentals to bring them business. This is true of grocery stores, gift shops, clothing stores, and restaurants. By continuing to outlaw legal vacation rental options, we are shooting our economy in the foot, state wide. Hawaii would benefit from the extra tax dollars that are brought into economy because of these rentals. Many small businesses in towns such as Waianae, Kapahulu, Kaimuki, Kohala, Kailua, Wailuku, Hawi, Waimea, Waimanalo, Makaha, Punalu'u and others, will loose most of their small business that cater to the new wave of visitors, and many will be forced into bankruptcy.

The state needs to realize that vacation rentals are in demand, and desire for staying at hotels and resorts are not desired or affordable to many travelers. We need to stay ahead of the curve, and offer our tourists what they want and need, or our economy will truly take a beating.

Sincerely,



Bernie Briones

2730 Booth Rd

Hon. HI 96813

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Mahalo for your time in this matter,

Bernie Briones

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in favor of keeping vacation rentals in Hawaii. I was born and raised in Hawaii, and I grew up in Nu'uanu. I enjoy visiting my family members and close friends who still live there, without imposing on them, and experiencing the Hawaii I knew outside of Waikiki. It feels more like home. I am strongly in favor of keeping the vacation rentals as they are.

Sincerely,

Michael Bustard

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